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SUBJ: ALLEGED STATE RESTRICTION ON DEA

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1. WE KNOW OF NO ACTION TAKEN BY ANY MEMBER OF THE
EMBASSY STAFF WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS RESTRAINING
DEA ACTIVITY HERE. AN INFORMAL SOUNDING OF THE DEA
SAIC CONFIRMED THAT HE TOO WAS UNABLE TO THINK OF ANY
INSTANCE IN WHICH DEA OPERATIONS HAD BEEN HAMPERED BY

THE EMBASSY. DEA OFFICERS HERE CUSTOMARILY KEEP THE
EMBASSY CLOSELY INFORMED OF THEIR WORK AND DISCUSS IN
ADVANCE ANY ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY. RELATIONS
BETWEEN DEA UNIT AND OTHER MISSION COMPONENTS HAVE BEEN
CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE. WE BELIEVE DEA IS PLAYING
AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN SINGAPORE AND WE HAVE FOUND NO
REASON TO SEEK TO RESTRAIN ITS ACTIVITY. TO THE
CONTRARY, WE HAVE SOUGHT TO SUPPORT IT WHENEVER
POSSIBLE.

2. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC EMBASSY ACTION IN SUPPORT
OF DEA ACTIVITIES AND NARCOTIC CONTROL GOALS, OUR MAJOR
RECENT EFFORT IN THIS AREA WAS EMBASSY HOSTING ON
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THE REGIONAL NARCOTICS OFFICERS CONFERENCE IN SINGAPORE
IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. WITH ACTIVE SUPPORT AND PAR-
TICIPATION BY THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBASSY STAFF
MEMBERS, THE CONFERENCE IN OUR VIEW WAS A MAJOR SUCCESS--
AS WE BELIEVE CHAIRMAN WOLFF WILL RECALL, SINCE HE
HEADED THE CODEL WHICH WAS IN SINGAPORE AT THE TIME
AND HE PERSONALLY PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL OF THE CON-

REFERENCE ACTIVITIES. THE LOCAL DEA OFFICE ALSO PLAYED HOST TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICIALS ON THE USE OF DETECTOR DOGS, WHICH THE EMBASSY BACKSTOPPED AND AT WHICH THE AMBASSADOR AVE THE OPENING ADDRESS.

3. EMBASSY AND DEA OFFICERS HAVE ALSO WORKED TOGETHER IN HELPING TO COMBAT THE DRUG PROBLEM WITHIN THE LARGE SINGAPORE AMERICAN COMMUNITY, WITH DEA ONFICERS PROVIDING VALUABLE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO THE MAIN VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION IN THIS FIELD, THE SINGAPORE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SACAC).
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